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Governmental & Legislative Affairs

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Director

September 10, 2019

The Honorable Senator Joe Manchin
United States Senate
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: S. 1081 – Land and Water Conservation Fund Permanent Funding Act – Support

Dear Senator Manchin:

The County of San Bernardino, California is pleased to support S. 1081, the *Land and Water Conservation Fund Permanent Funding Act*.

The County of San Bernardino in Southern California is geographically the largest county in the contiguous United States, stretching from Los Angeles and Orange counties to the west, all the way to the Nevada and Arizona state lines. It encompasses much of the Mojave Desert, the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests, all or part of the three national park units, four national monuments, and all or part of five military bases, including two of the largest desert bases in the country.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund has been used in the past to conserve irreplaceable lands and improve outdoor recreation opportunities throughout the nation.

Outdoor recreation is a significant part of our County's economy, especially beneficial to numerous rural communities which enjoy the benefit of providing goods and services to those who come from around the country and around the world to enjoy our expansive and beautiful natural resources.

For example, a significant stretch of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail crosses our County, and parts of the trail still traverse private lands. The LWCF would be an appropriate source of funding to protect those segments from restricted access or development.

As the population in Southern California and the rest of the nation grows, the demand for outdoor recreation increases, and permanent funding from the LWCF will help meet that need.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino supports S. 1081. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Curt Hagman in black ink.

Curt Hagman
Fourth District Supervisor
Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

Handwritten signature of Dawn Rowe in black ink.

Dawn Rowe
Third District Supervisor
San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

cc: San Bernardino County Congressional Delegation

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